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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~1~~21, further comprising a branch detector, the branch detector identifying one or more instructions of the source code that either includes a branch, a loop return or an entry point for a branch or loop return.
3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 2, wherein the controller generates ~~one or more~~the first source code blocks based on the identified instructions, each of the first source code blocks beginning immediately after an identified instruction and includes all consecutive instructions following the identified instruction up to an instruction immediately before a next identified instruction.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 3, further comprising a register detector, the register detector detecting a number of source registers that are used and/or updated in one or more instructions of each of the source code blocks.
6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the controller generates one or more translated code blocks for each of the source code blocks based on a number of selected source registers detected by the register detector and the maximum numbers of corresponding target registers.
7. (Original) The device of claim 6, further comprising a stub generator, the stub generator generating a head stub and a tail stub for each of the translated code blocks.
8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7, wherein a head stub associated with a translated code block initializes one or more target registers used by the associated translated code block, the target registers being initialized by retrieving register values from

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~~at~~the source register map that stores values of the source registers during execution of the translated code blocks.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7, wherein a tail stub associated with a translated code block saves values of one or more target registers used by the associated translated code block in ~~at~~the source register map after execution of the translated code block.

10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the ~~source register map includes storage space for one or more values for each source register accounting for instruction execution delays,~~ the tail stub saves values of the target registers in one or more appropriate locations in the source register map to account for the instruction execution delays.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for translating a source code of a source processor into a target code of a target processor, the method comprising:

identifying a target processor register capability;

dividing the source code into first source code blocks based on branches and loops in the source code.

subdividing the first source code blocks into second source code blocks, a largest number of source registers required in each second source code block being less than or equal to a number of target registers that correspond to the source registers;

converting each of the second source code blocks directly into a corresponding target code block ~~the target processor register capability;~~

identifying source register types as data registers or address registers of the source processor and corresponding target registers of the target processor that correspond to each of the source register types; ~~and~~

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selecting one or more ~~selected~~identified source register types and one or more maximum numbers of corresponding target registers that correspond to the selected source register types ~~as the target register capability;~~ and
generating a source register map having a number of storage locations based on a number of instruction cycles required to update a source register.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising identifying one or more instructions of the source code that include a branch, a loop return or an entry point for a branch or loop return.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising generating ~~one or more~~the first source code blocks based on the identified instructions, each of the first source code blocks beginning immediately after an identified instruction and includes all consecutive instructions following the identified instruction up to an instruction immediately before a next identified instruction.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising detecting a number of source registers that are used and/or updated in one or more instructions of each of the source code blocks.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising generating one or more translated code blocks for each of the source code blocks based on a number of selected source registers and the maximum numbers of corresponding target registers.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising generating a head stub and a tail stub for each of the translated code blocks.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein a head stub associated with a translated code block initializes one or more target registers used by the associated translated code block, the target registers being initialized by retrieving register values from

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at the source register map that stores values of the source registers during execution of the translated code blocks.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein a tail stub associated with a translated code block saves values of one or more target registers used by the associated translated code block in at the source register map after execution of the translated code block.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein ~~the source register map includes storage space for one or more values for each source register accounting for instruction execution delays,~~ the tail stub saves values of the target registers in one or more appropriate locations in the source register map to account for the instruction execution delays.

21. (Currently Amended) A code translation device that translates a source code into a target code, the device comprising:

a memory;

a source processor ~~having data registers and address registers;~~

a target processor ~~having data registers and address registers;~~ and

a controller that:

divides the source code into first source code blocks based on branches and loops in the source code, ~~a target processor register capability;~~

divides the first source code blocks into second source code blocks, a largest number of source registers required in each second source block being less than or equal to a number of target registers that correspond to the source registers, and

converts each of the second source code blocks directly into a corresponding target code block;

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wherein the controller identifies source register types as data registers or address registers of the source processor and corresponding target registers of the target processor that correspond to each of the source register types;

~~wherein the controller selects one or more selected~~ identified source register types and one or more maximum numbers of corresponding target registers that correspond to the selected source register types ~~as the target register capability;~~ and

~~wherein the controller generates a source register map having a number of~~ storage locations based on a number of instruction cycles required to update a source register.